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A METHOD FOR STARTING UP A PROCESS AUTOMATICALLY ON INSERTION OF A STORAGE MEDIA INTO A HOST DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

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The drawings filed on . 5. \square Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [_] been received. [_] not been received. [_] been filed in parent application Serial No. _ 6. Note the attached Examiner's Amendment. 7. In Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413. 8.

Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. 9. Mote the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892. 10. Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449. PART II. A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). 1. Onte the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED. 2. M APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER. a. To Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. c. \square Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS RÉQUIRED. d. Formal drawings are now REQUIRED. Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER. Attachments: Examiner's Amendment
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1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

In the claims:

Rewrite claims 63, 109, 111, 115-118, 120, 122, 123 and 126 as following:

(Fourth Times Amended) A method for automatically starting up a process in a host device based on insertion of a storage media into a peripheral, comprising:

booting an operating system of the host device, said step of booting including checking for an initialization file;

automatically enabling an interrupt;

automatically checking for a file in other than said initialization file in [a] at least one removable storage media associated with [said] at least one peripheral on occurrence of said interrupt, said removable storage media being encoded with electronic content including said file;

automatically loading at least a portion of the electronic content from said removable storage media in response to finding said file during said step of automatically checking; [and]

automatically executing an application identified by or associated with said file; and

returning to said step of automatically enabling.

Or-109. (Twice Amended) The method of claim [63] 547 wherein said selection comprises text and said step of displaying comprises

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showing said text on a screen.

--121. (Third Times Amended) A method for automatically starting up a process in a host device based on insertion of a storage media into a peripheral, comprising:

booting an operating system of the host device, said step of booting including checking for an initialization file and utilizing said initialization file;

automatically enabling an interrupt from at least one peripheral;

automatically loading into a selected memory at least a portion of electronic content from a file other than said initialization file encoded on a storage media located in at least one peripheral on occurrence of said interrupt;

automatically using said electronic content, wherein said step of automatically using comprises passing control of said host device to said electronic content of said file; and

returning to said step of <u>automatically</u> enabling after completion of said step of <u>automatically</u> using.

portion of the electronic content comprises a sound recording and wherein said method further comprises displaying a selection encoded in the form of electronic content on said storage media, said step of displaying comprises playing said sound recording through a speaker means.

--116 (Twice Amended) The method of claim 111, wherein said

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portion of the electronic content comprises a video recording and wherein said method further comprises displaying a selection encoded in the form of electronic content on said storage media, said step of displaying comprises showing said video recording on a screen.

portion of the electronic content comprises a graphics image and wherein said method further comprises displaying a selection encoded in the form of electronic content on said storage media, said step of displaying comprises printing said graphics image through a printer.

portion of the electronic content comprises text and wherein said method further comprises displaying a selection encoded in the form of electronic content on said storage media, said step of displaying comprises printing said text through a printer.

starting up a process in a host device based on insertion of a storage media into a peripheral, comprising:

booting an operating system of the host device, said step of booting including checking for an initialization file;

automatically enabling an interrupt from a removable storage media in a peripheral in a set of at least one peripheral on insertion of a removable storage media into said peripheral;

automatically checking for a file other than the

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initialization file in said removable storage media on occurrence of said interrupt, said removable storage media being encoded with electronic content including said file;

automatically disabling said interrupt;

automatically using at least a portion of said electronic content from said removable storage media in response to finding said file during the step of checking, wherein said step of automatically using comprises passing control of said host device to said file; and

returning to said step of <u>automatically</u> enabling after completion of said step of <u>automatically</u> using.

The method of claim 120 further comprises the step of waiting for said interrupt prior to said step of automatically checking, and wherein said steps of automatically enabling said interrupt, waiting, automatically checking, automatically disabling said interrupt, and automatically using are repeated.

The method of claim 120 further comprises the step of [:] enabling a plurality of interrupts in addition to said interrupt[;], and storing a name of said peripheral in a variable prior to said step of automatically disabling said interrupt.

3 (-126. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 124 further comprises the step of waiting for said interrupt prior to said step of automatically checking, and wherein at least said steps of

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automatically enabling said interrupt, waiting, automatically checking, automatically disabling said interrupt, and automatically using are repeated.

- 2. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Omkar Suryadevara (applicant's attorney) on September 12, 1996.
- 3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Audebert et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,073,931) - note Figs. 1-12;

Parks et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,530,960) - note Figs. 1-13;

"PC-MS DOS 4.0 for Hard Disk User" by David D. Busch, 1989,

Pg. 27-32 and 141-163.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joe Cheng at telephone number (703) 308-0858.

Joe Cheng September 12, 1996 PRIMARY EXAMINER

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